

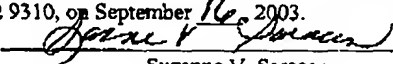
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Application No. : 10/005,560
Filed : 11/08/2001
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Examiner : Sellers
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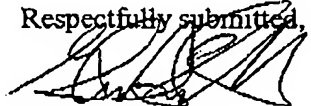
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Dear Sir:

This communication is filed in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 9, 2003. Enclosed is a resubmitted "Amendment to the Claims" section of applicants' amendment document.

No fee is believed to be due for this response. Should any fees be required, however, please charge the required fees to Bausch & Lomb's Deposit Account No. 02-1425.

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